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Ceparano subpoena .pdf

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Hi Emanuel,

Thank you for the meet and confer today. As you requested, attached are subpoenas for Joanne Russo and Jaclyn Ceparano on the dates you agreed to, subject to the court's approval. Attached also is a subpoena for Frank Russo, Jr.; we have offered the following dates though the subpoena only permits me to list one: 1/16, 1/17, 1/18, 1/19, 1/22, 1/25 or 1/26 so please promptly confirm which is best, subject to the court's approval. You indicated you would represent all three of these witnesses.

In our conversation, I agreed to try to obtain Danielle Silva's address and confirmed that we are representing her. In addition, you indicated that you will confirm with Joe, but that you do not believe you want to take any additional depositions and that you are cancelling the deposition scheduled for tomorrow for Kalief Williams because you want an in-person deposition despite that he does not live in the tri-state area.

Based on your feedback about Mr. Vacca, Andrew will proceed with the deposition as scheduled for January 15 at 10 AM. We will forward you the Zoom link when we receive it.

Best,  
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Hi, Rita:

I am at (516) 303-1395 when you're ready. I have a 2:30 PM virtual court conference, FYI.

Thanks,

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Emanuel,

Per your email, 2 PM today works for a meet and confer. I will call you then.

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I am available for a meet and confer between now and 2 PM. Please let me know via email what time you would like to meet and confer since I will not be next to the phone during that entire time period. Also advise if this time frame does not work for you.

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Thanks and best,

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Hi Emanuel:

I am just seeing your email now. On Sunday, January 7, I emailed you with times this week when I could meet and confer. I offered yesterday at 2 PM and today at 12 PM. You did not respond to my email from Sunday until 11:15 AM today, so I no longer had 12 PM available and am not otherwise free today. I am available to meet and confer tomorrow any time from 9 AM -12 PM and can also make myself available later in the day if needed. Please advise as to your availability for tomorrow.

Mr. Williams will not appear in-person for a deposition on Friday because, among other reasons, he no longer lives in New York state. As I said in my email on Sunday, we should discuss this at our meet and confer.

Best,  
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Hi, Rita:

Please advise whether you are able to meet-and-confer at 1, 1:30, 2, or 2:30 today. If not, kindly confirm that Plaintiff will appear for his deposition at our office on Friday, January 12, 2024.

Thanks and best,

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Hi, Rita:

We are available at noon today. Kindly confirm and I will send calendar invitation with conference dial-in.

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Hi Emanuel:

Sure, I am available to meet and confer to discuss and schedule all remaining depositions, including Danielle Silva's.

#### Plaintiff's Depositions

Frank Russo, Jr.: I am not sure how you didn't know we wanted to depose him since we made requests on December 4, January 2, January 3 and included the request in our status letter to Judge Pollak on December 4, 2023.

Jaclyn Ceparano: I am not sure how you didn't know we wanted to depose her since we noticed her deposition in August; discussed via email on September 20, October 5, October 27; discussed during our meet and confer and via email on November 8; via email on December 4, and included the request in our status letter to Judge Pollak on December 4, 2023.

#### Defendant's Depositions

Danielle Silva: you requested for the first time a deposition of Ms. Silve on this past Thursday, January 5

Kalief Williams: Plaintiff's deposition is scheduled for January 12, 2024. You notified us this past Wednesday that you would like to depose him in-person, which we will discuss when we meet and confer this week.

Let me know if either of these times work for a meet and confer: Tuesday 1/9 at 2 PM or Wednesday 1/10 at 12 PM. If these times don't work, please propose others.

Best,  
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Dear Rita:

Please provide your availability to meet and confer concerning Danielle Silva on Monday, January 8, 2024.

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Hi, Rita:

When we confirmed deposition dates, we assumed that you only wanted to depose Defendants Robert Russo and Giuseppe Vacca. Unfortunately, we are not available on January 11 nor January 12 to depose Frank Russo, who is no longer a party in this case.

Separately, we write to confirm that Plaintiff Kalief William's deposition will proceed in person on Friday, January 12, 2024 at our office.

Finally, you produced an unnotarized affidavit from Danielle Silva in your Thursday, December 28, 2023 document production and referenced that affidavit during today's deposition of Defendant Robert Russo. We would like to depose her. Please advise as to whether you will voluntarily produce Danielle Silva and, if not, kindly provide her last known address and any other contact information in Plaintiff's position.

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Hi Emanuel:

Below is the link for Robbie's deposition tomorrow at 10 AM to share with your client as well.

Again, please advise if Frank Russo is available on January 10 or January 11 for his deposition and send the link for Kalief's deposition on January 12.

Thanks,



Rita

Topic: Williams vs The Russo's Payroll Group et al

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Hi Emanuel:

It is my understanding that all depositions are proceeding virtually. I will send you the links for Robbie Russo and Guiseppe Vacca when I receive them.

Please advise if Frank Russo is available on January 10 or January 11 for his deposition and send the link for Kalief's deposition on January 12.

Best,

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Dear Rita and Andrew:

Happy new year. I write to ascertain the format of depositions. I have not received any notice of deposition for Robert Russo, and a prior notice sent for another witness designated the deposition to proceed virtually. Kindly confirm.

Thanks and best,

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